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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

My cell is used for emergency call mainly, there the plan I am on costs just under \$8 a month. A \$1 a month tax on top of \$8 usage makes the percentage of tax approximately 12.5%. Kind of steep don't you think.

For those \$50 a month users, the tax rate would only be 2%, on the \$1 a month tax. Getting off lightly.

If you must impose a tax, why not make it a percentage tax, so the tax paid is in proportion to the usage, just like the majority of other taxes, income tax, sales tax, etc.

The other issue you may wish to consider is to not to levy tax on the low use users, say \$10 a month or less users, don't pay tax. Just as with income tax, the low income don't pay tax on the first so many thousands of their salary.

This way you encourage people to have a cell phone, and the safety aspect of having a cell handy in times of emergencies, but not to penalize those users.

Regards

Malcolm J Miles

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Malcolm J Miles

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members